

SAILORS WILD TO STRIKE.

They Met to Order Strikers for To-Day, but Barons Permitted Them to Wait.

There was great excitement in the neighborhood of Wallalla and New Irving halls yesterday afternoon and evening. Preparations were under way to bring together all the clothing trades under one joint committee, so as to make general demands on behalf of from 30,000 to 35,000 people at one time, but the Brotherhood of Tailors wanted to strike right away.

A meeting of the tailors' branch of the Brotherhood was held in Wallalla Hall, and the operators' branch met at the same time in New Irving Hall, which is at Norfolk street, near Broome. Both meetings were called to decide on a general strike to go into effect to-day.

There was such a crowd around Wallalla Hall that the police had to be sent for to clear the way for ordinary street traffic. One or two policemen from the Eldridge street station then kept the outsiders in motion.

Louis Tenanbaum presided at the Wallalla Hall meeting and tried to dissuade the people from ordering a strike until they were thoroughly organized and until the other trades could fall in line. Other speakers followed in the same vein, but the idea did not meet with favor, and the audience gave audible signs of disapproval. Then Joseph Barondine, once the leader of the clockmakers, was escorted to the platform. It would be suicide to strike now, he said. "Wait a week, two weeks, until June, and then you'll be prepared. For God's sake, don't strike now. Better to wait and win than strike in a hurry and lose."

"We can't live very well and keep our families on 50 cents a day," said a voice. Others grumbled and said that they might as well strike, as they could not get more than they were. Barondine continued to talk, and was soon seen that he retained some of his old-time influence. At the end of the meeting it was decided to order a strike for June 1, and a Committee of five was appointed to see that the strike was carried out. The crowd outside were very much disappointed at the result. The people who are members of the strike are out of work, however.

Barondine then went to the New Irving Hall meeting, where he tried to dissuade the people from ordering a strike. He used the same arguments with the same result as in Wallalla Hall.

While these meetings were in progress a meeting of representatives of the Brotherhood of Tailors, Children's Jacket Makers, Sailors' Jacket Makers, Pant Makers, Shirt Makers, Progressive Tailors, Vest Makers, Overcoat and Sackcoat Makers, and Lithuanian Tailors, Representing the clothing trades of New York, Brooklyn, and Brownsville as well as New York, and a joint committee of the same trades in the various other places. It is alleged that this means a joint committee for 35,000 workers in the various trades of the city.

It is alleged on behalf of the contractors that there is not work enough to go round. Some of the tailors say that the contractors or manufacturers are holding back the work. The reason for the low prices is the competition in business and the demand for cheap clothing. Just now numbers of tailors are idle.

LONGSHOREMEN TO CONVENT.

First Annual Convention of the American Union of Which Boston Hall Is Treasurer.

The first annual convention of the American Longshoremen's Union, which was organized by Edward McHugh, will begin in Greenwich Hall, Christopher and Hudson streets, next Monday. On the agenda at the same time the annual convention of the National Union of Dock Laborers of Great Britain and Ireland, which was also founded by McHugh, will begin in Liverpool, England. Both conventions will remain in session five days.

In the American Longshoremen's Union there are ten branches. Of these five are in New York, three in Brooklyn, and one each in Hoboken and Jersey City. The officers of the organization consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and six minor officers. Mr. McHugh is provisional President, and Bolton Hall is provisional Treasurer.

Mr. Hall is under a bond of \$10,000 for the faithful performance of his duties. The bond is secured by real estate. At the convention a number of reforms are being advocated, and payment by the week will be discussed, and plans agreed upon for bringing about these reforms.

THE LEAKING DRY DOCKS.

The Maline to Be Put in One of Them at Once—Official Investigation.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Admiral Bacon, the commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, reported to the Navy Department to-day that Dry Dock No. 2, which developed a leak on Thursday, was not in a serious condition and could be used for docking purposes. Orders were sent immediately to the Maline, in order that she could be cleared.

In the absence of Chairman Boutelle, Mr. Hilborn of California, the ranking member of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, has been consulting with Commodore Matthews, Chief of the Bureau of Naval Construction, and looking into the leaks in the docks at the New York yard. The Commodore was very anxious that an investigation should be made at once by Congress for the repair of the docks, but he has been unable to get anything in that direction to be done until the board has examined the leaks has completed its investigations. The department is then in a position to make a report on the condition of the docks, and this meets the approval of Speaker Reed.

There is no doubt of speedy action by the House when the matter is brought before it.

Mr. Hilborn says the fact that two docks are started putting in a new dock, and that the Commodore Matthews has a bed of quicksand between them and is responsible for the leakage. He thought that the leakage was due to the filtration of water from the river, and that before satisfactory or permanent repairs can be made it will be necessary to construct a coffer dam in front of the docks.

MCKINLEY'S COUNTRY HOME.

A House in Virginia Tendered Him by Ex-Senator Henderson of Missouri.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The President will probably move his household from the Executive Mansion to a house in the country, to remain five months during the early summer months, or until Congress adjourns. Then he will occupy Ambassador John Hay's New Hampshire seaside residence. Mr. McKinley has not bought a home on Woodley road, or in the suburbs, but he has bought estate investments are languishing, but the place in view is a typical Virginia country estate, situated about five miles from Arlington and Fort Myer, on the Virginia hills. The place belongs to an old family, and Mrs. Henderson of Missouri, who resides in Boundary Castle, a beautiful brownstone house at the head of Sixteenth street, has been tendered by them to Mr. McKinley.

Secretary Porter and family will accompany the President, but will certainly not live close by and be as well as Mr. McKinley, will escape the annoyance of office seekers and others, except during the office hours and when they will come into town each morning on the electric car and leave at the school office hours in the afternoon. The house is an unprecedented one of four, containing fourteen rooms, and is in the top of a hill. The estate contains 400 acres.

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